

CONDITIONS OF CONTEST

1 - This tournament is run on 12 rounds of 8 boards each.

- On the first round the organization will seed the teams at its discretion.
- From the 2nd up to and including the 7th round pairings are made by Swiss. For the last **five** rounds the pairings continue to be made by Swiss, **without taking into account the pairings of the first seven rounds.**

2 - In case of an odd number of teams, there will be a bye in the bottom of the table (18 VPs for the bye, which is the lowest ranked team that has not yet been bye). Also in this respect the byes on rounds 8-12 will not take into account the byes of 1-7 (one team can be 2 rounds bye max)

3 - IMP results will be converted to VP's on the international scale (max. 25 VP's each game).

4 - Ranking is by VP's. Ties for prize-winning places will be broken by difference of IMPS won/lost and then quotient.

5 - Systems according to the EBL Systems Policy for these events (no brown stickers).

6 - Time of play is 7 minutes per board (56 minutes per round). Penalties for late play are assigned on a "5 min/1 VP" basis. After the end of the round both teams have a period of 8 minutes to agree on the IMP score and handle the results form to the results' desk. Delays are *automatically* penalized on a "3 min/1 VP" basis.

7 - Convention cards are mandatory. Each time that an opponent is seriously inconvenienced by an incomplete convention card, the offending side will be awarded a penalty of 3 IMPs, independently of any further adjustments on the result of the board.

8 - Appeals will be judged as quickly as possible. Pending appeals will not affect the pairings for subsequent rounds. A deposit of 35 Euros will always be required from the appealing part. The deposit may be forfeited if the appeals committee judges the appeal to be frivolous or without substantial merit.

9 - The Portuguese Tournament Norms will apply as a complement to the International Code of Bridge (and adendas) and the present Conditions of Contest.

10 – The Chief Tournament Director is entitled to apply Law 12C3.

The Tournament Direction